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Applicant : Alan E. Shluzas
Serial No. : 10/087,489
Filing Date : March 1, 2002
For : AN APPARATUS FOR
CONNECTING A LONGITUDINAL
MEMBER TO A BONE PORTION
Group Art Unit : 3732
Examiner : Ramana Anuradha
Attorney Docket No. : A31-6015

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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